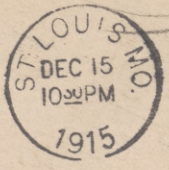

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St. Louis, Dec. 15, 1915

Dear Allen:—

I was so glad to get your nice long letter at St. Louis. You are a pretty good correspondent.

I am writing in a house now, not on a shaking train, so I can make it easier for you to read. When you complain that I "jam" my writing, so

There would be no objection to your doing some geography every day just for fun and for the good of knowing about it; but you are well up to your grade in geography, and behind it in arithmetic, so you want to put your main strength on arithmetic.

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that it is hard to read, I hardly think the trouble can be that the writing is too small, for surely now you are able to read easily writing of this size; but either the lines must have been too close together, or else the joggling of the cars threw letters too close together. It seems to me I am writing now about as I do when I set your spelling lessons, or leave you written instructions when I go to the city.

Next time you write, instead of telling me what page of the arithmetic you are on, tell me what combinations you are doing; because I haven't the book here, and can't tell what comes on what page.

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I would not try to keep up with Joseph in geography.

Your letter was very nicely written, and I think you are getting back your good handwriting.

In Kansas and Missouri we found it had been raining heavily, but it had stopped when we

got there. Last night it snowed lightly here, and the paper says that tomorrow it is going to be very cold and snowy. We do not like that, because tomorrow we must leave here, and go on to Cousin Carol Bang's.

I gave Miss Ellie Davis the sage, and she was very thankful.

With love,
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